

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

GRACE ESIMAI,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 4:23-cv-00899-P

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON,

Defendant.

ORDER

Local Rule 83.10(a) requires the appearance of local counsel where counsel of record for a party does not reside in this district or maintain their principal office in this district. N.D. TEX. R. 83.10(a). “Local counsel” means a member of the bar of this court who resides or maintain their principal office in this district and whose residence or principal office is located within 50 miles of the courthouse in the Fort Worth Division. *Id.*; see *United States v. Thomas*, No. 4:13-CV-688-A, 2013 WL 11332537, at *1–2 (N.D. Tex. Sept. 5, 2013) (McBryde, J.) (holding that Local Rule 83.10(a) required Austin-based attorney to designate local counsel).

A review of the record reveals that Defendant has failed to comply with Local Rule 83.10(a), as Defendant’s counsel is in Austin, Texas. Accordingly, no later than **October 5, 2023**, Defendant shall file the entry of appearance of local counsel satisfying the requirements of Local Rule 83.10(a). Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions and/or Defendant’s pleadings being stricken without further notice. As Defendant has not yet complied with Rule 83.10(a), Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 4) is hereby **DISMISSED without prejudice**.

SO ORDERED on this **21st day of September 2023**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark T. Pittman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pittman" clearly legible, and "T." in the middle.

Mark T. Pittman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE